



## **Town of Haw River Town Council Meeting Monday, April 5, 2021**

The Haw River Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 5, 2021 in the Haw River Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

Council Members Present: Mayor Kelly Allen, Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Lovette, Patty Wilson & Steve Lineberry

Members Absent: Town Clerk Lesley Gonzalez

Other Members Present: Town Manager Sean Tencer, Mark Swing (acting Town Clerk), Town Attorney Charlie Davis & Attorney Jake Wright.

Mayor Kelly Allen called the meeting to order and gave the invocation at 6:00 pm.

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2021 regular meeting. Corrected minutes for August 3, 2020 & January 2, 2021 were also submitted with Motion carried corrections and reapproved.**

Councilmember Lineberry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 4-0

### **Old Business**

- 1. None.**

**Public Hearing Opened 6:02 pm**

- 1. Town Council held a public hearing regarding the 2021-2022 Alamance County Fire Budget.**

Councilmember Lee Lovette made a motion to accept the 2021-2022 Alamance County Fire Budget submitted to Alamance County.

Motion carried 4-0

Councilmember Patty Wilson made the motion to close the public hearing.

Motion carried 4-0

**Public Hearing closed 6:04 pm**

**New Business**

- 1. Town Council considered the request from the Haw River Fire Chief Jamie Joseph regarding the 2021-2022 Alamance County Fire Budget.**

Town Manager Tencer informed the Council that per Alamance County Finance Director Susan Evans, further discussion for the Town's Fire Department 2021-2022 Budget is not required only the Public Hearing. No further action is required.

- 2. Town Council approved a contract between the Town of Haw River and Motley for a year's worth of Instagram (for community branding and outreach) and a 15' x 15' mural painted on the side of the Haw River Museum. The total cost of the contract is \$7,100, but Haw River will receive a total of \$4,600 (\$3600 from Visit Alamance and \$1000 from Alamance Arts for the mural. The Town will pay a total of \$2,500 for these services.**

Councilmember Lovette made a motion to approve the contract between the Town of Haw River and Motley for (1) year worth of Instagram (for community branding and outreach) and a 15' x 15' mural painted on the side of the Haw River Museum "Our River, Our Town." Town Attorney Charlie Davis suggested removal of Section 11 Indemnity from the contract with Motley to relieve any liability to the Town.

Motion carried 4-0

3. **Haw River Town Council accepted the Final Plat for Newlin Farm located at NC Highway 49 North – This is a proposed multi-lot subdivision (2 new lots & recombination) within Haw River’s town limits and ETJ. The property is zoned R-12 for the portion inside the town-limits and R-18 for the portion located in the ETJ.**

Councilmember Patty Wilson made a motion for Town Council to accept the Final Plat for Newlin Farm located at NC Highway 49 North – This is a proposed multi-lot subdivision (2 new lots & recombination) within Haw River’s town limits and ETJ. The property is zoned R-12 for the portion inside the town-limits and R-18 for the portion located in the ETJ.

Motion carried 4-0

- Town Attorney Jake Wright spoke to the Town Council about 3 questions that were asked at the last Council meeting.
- Are elected officials equally liable for municipal contracts even if they voted against the contract upon initial approval? Answer: Elected officials are not liable under State & Local doctrine unless a councilmembers’ action(s) are malicious or corrupt.
  - Will 2021 municipal elections be postponed? Answer: No
  - Can councilmember’s attendance be via phone call and counted present? Answer: Due to being under current “State of Emergency” by NC Governor Roy Cooper’s Executive Order 116 on March 10, 2020; councilmembers can be present and participate via phone call. Note this exception is temporary.

## Reports

### 1. Department Reports

- a. **Monthly Reports were submitted – (Police, Fire, and Building Inspections) – (emailed to council as I received them), Manager Report.**

1. Lang Street Pump Station – Possible USDA loan with 2-3 % interest with financing up to 40 years. Possible 45% grant involved due to low poverty level on that census tract. Town staff and AWCK are starting to work with USDA on this. **On-going**
2. PTRCG – Town staff has sent Town Council all documents regarding the new personnel manual. This includes the employee handbook, the personnel manual, and the policy and procedure manual. **On-going**

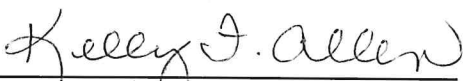
3. Town Manager is still working with PTRCG (Jesse Day and Kelly Larkins) on changes to the Haw River Zoning Ordinance to ensure compliance with the new 160D NCGS. **On-going**
4. Street resurfacing is almost complete and should be wrapped up soon. **On-going**
5. The Town is still investigating the I & I from the Hanover Road outfall. Gavel and Dorn has installed the sewer meters and started the 2-month study. **On-going**
6. The 2019-2020 Town audit will be presented to council at the May 3rd Town Council meeting. **On-going**
7. Granite Mill should be completed by April. **On-going**

**Adjourn**

**Councilmember Patty Wilson made the motion to adjourn.**

**Motion carried 4-0**

Council Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
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**Kelly Allen, Mayor**

  
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**Lesley Gonzalez, Town Clerk**